[Mr Thamarapallil Kochuthommen.]

(*c*) whether there is any particular reason for preferring Urudu to Tamil and English;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, what is that reason; and

(*e*) if it is necessary to study another language, why Government refused to prefer Hindi which is spoken by a very large section of the people in India?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Armed Reserve.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) and (*e*) Urudu and not Hindi is the language of the Indian Army.

Correspondence re: the management of the Muslim Hostel.

49. **MR. P.S. MUHAMMED**: Will theGovernment be pleased to place on the table the correspondence that took place between the Secretary of the Travancore Muslim EducationAssociation and the Director of Public Instruction on the question of he management of the Trivandrum Muslim Hostel and the copy of the letter of its President?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: †Copies of the correspondence are laid on the table.

Management of the Muslim Hostel.

50. **MR. P. S. MUHAMMED**: Will theGovernment be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Trivandrum Muslim Hostel has been running every year without break even after the cancellation of the sanction of grant; and

(*b*) whether the Warden of the Hostel incurred debts and the creditors obtained decrees against him for the arrears of rent of the building of the Hostel?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

Fall of a Banyan tree on a Muslim house.

51. **MR. S. MUHAMMED**: Will the Government be pleased to state?

(*a*) whether they received petition and telegrams about the falling of a banyan tree on the house of a poor Muslim family near Kayamkulam;

(*b*) whether they have made any investigation about the accident;

(*c*) the number of person died on account of the above accident;

(*d*) the number of persons injured by the accident;

(*e*) whether the tree was standing in a rotten condition;

† *Vide* Appendix III *a*, *b*, *c*.

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(*f*) whether it was dangerously leaning towards the damage house;

(*g*) whether the residents in the home had submitted before the P. W. D., officers, petitions stating that the tree was standing in a dangerous condition,

(*h*) had the P. W. D., officers taken any action on the petitions so submitted;

(*i*) whether any mahazar was prepared about the condition of the tree; and

(*j*) whether any mahazar was prepared for showing the nature of the broken house?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Three.

(*d*) Four.

(*e*) The tree showed no outward signs of unsoundness.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*g*).

(*i*) No separate mahazar was prepared.

(*j*) No; the information is given in the inquest report.

Demand for a Committee of Enquiry by the Boat Crew Association.

52 MR. P. S. MUHAMMED: Will theGovernment be pleased to state whether the deputationists demanded a committee for enquiring into the grievances of the boat crew?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: Deputationists had demanded the constitution of a committee, in the memorial presented to the Dewan but did not press the point at the conference held by the Dewan.

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